

# Craspedacusta sowerbyi

## Freshwater jellyfish

#### General

1. Pelagic: 5-25 mm in diameter as hydromedusa form

#### Geography and Habitat

- 1. Native: Shallow pools along the Yangtze River in China with changing water levels, temperatures, and plankton populations
- Habitats
  - Shallow, slow moving or stagnant water bodies: ornamental ponds, reservoirs, gravel pits, quarries
  - Reported in large river systems and natural lakes
  - Each morphology has differing tolerances to a range of environmental conditions including temperature, calcium carbonate concentration, alkalinity



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### **Invasion Pathways**

1. Unintentional introduction accompanying ornamental aquatic plants (such as the water hyacinth) while in polyp or podocyst (dormant) phases

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